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Applicant(s): Nobuyoshi Yazawa, et al. **Examiner:** David J. Czekaj
Serial No.: 10/081,940 **Art Unit:** 2613
Filed: February 22, 2002 **Docket:** 15311
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS
FOR ENDOSCOPE **Dated:** December 6, 2004
Conf. No.: 2191

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AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated November 5, 2004, Applicants elect the claims of Species II, i.e., Claims 1-14 for continued prosecution herein. Furthermore, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Invention: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS FOR ENDOSCOPE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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